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May 13, 2005

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 7 | State and Local Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies projects in Santa Barbara County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System (NHS), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) and the Federal Demonstration Program. See enclosure. |

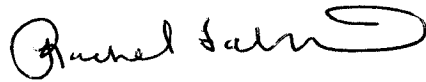
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by SBCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the SBCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SBCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief
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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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